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Food Protection Program Policies, Procedures and Guidelines

Issue: Shucked Shellfish Labeling

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The following labeling and product quality standards are required of wholesale dealers licensed as a shucker/packer, producing and marketing shucked shellfish, i.e. any bivalve mollusk, for wholesale and/or retail sale. All information on a container shall be labeled in a legible and indelible form.

Packing for Retail Sale

- All shucked shellfish packaged in containers with a capacity of less than 64 fluid ounces (1/2 gallon) shall be considered as packed for retail sale and shall be labeled with the following:
 - A principle display panel (on the side of the container that is most conspicuous to the consumer at time of purchase) which, at a minimum, shall include:
 - The common and usual name of the product
 - A weight statement, which must appear in the bottom 30% of the panel
Examples: Net Weight: 0.25 Liquid U.S. Gal. or 0.95L
 - An information panel (the side of the container immediately to the right and contiguous to the principal display panel) which, at a minimum, shall include:
 - A list of ingredients (if others in addition to the product stated)
 - The "Sell By" or "Best if Used By" date
 - Recommended product storage conditions, i.e., "Keep Refrigerated", (which is required for potentially hazardous foods)
 - The name and address of the packer or distributor
 - The packer's or repacker's state certification/permit number
- If a health claim is made on the label or salt is added, nutritional labeling may be required.

Packing for Wholesale

- All shucked shellfish packaged in containers with a capacity of 64 fluid ounces (1/2 gallon) or more shall be considered as packed for wholesale and shall be labeled with the following:
 - A principle display panel (on the side of the container that is most conspicuous to the consumer at time of purchase) which at a minimum shall contain:
 - The common and usual name of the product; and
 - A weight statement, which must appear in the bottom 30% of the panel.
Examples: Net Weight: 1 Liquid U.S. Gallon or 3.79L
 - An information panel (the side of the container immediately to the right and contiguous to the principal display panel) which, at a minimum, shall include:
 - A list of ingredients
 - For shellfish **other than scallops shucked at sea**, the “Date Shucked” and a Lot number;
 - The Date Shucked shall consist of the Julian date (the number of the day of the year) or the month and the number of the day of the month, and the production number of the day shucked
Examples: 85-1 (March 26) or 0326-1 (March 26)
 - For frozen shellfish, include the year;
Examples: 8598-1(March 26, 1998) or 032698-1 (March 26, 1998)
 - Appear on the lid and sidewall or bottom of durable containers; or
 - Appear on the lid and sidewall of disposable containers.
 - Recommended product storage conditions, i.e., “Keep Refrigerated”
 - The name and address of the packer or distributor
 - The packer’s or repacker’s state certification/permit number
- Frozen shellfish or scallops shall be labeled as “frozen” in type size of equal prominence to and immediately adjacent to the name of the product, e.g. **Frozen Minced Clams**, etc.
- If the dealer thaws and repacks frozen shellfish or scallops, the dealer shall label the product as “previously frozen” and in the same manner as immediately above, e.g. **Previously Frozen Minced Clams**.

- If the product is marketed in various optional forms (whole, sliced, minced, strips, etc.), the particular form shall be a necessary part of the statement of identity. The particular products and their optional forms may, for example, be “group listed” on the container in the following manner and the appropriate product name checked with indelible ink:

Whole clams	<input type="checkbox"/>
Minced clams	<input type="checkbox"/>
Clam strips	<input type="checkbox"/>
Chopped clams	<input type="checkbox"/>
Sea Scallops	<input type="checkbox"/>
Bay Scallops	<input type="checkbox"/>

- The requirement to label product as fresh or frozen may also be labeled on the container in the following manner:

Fresh clams	<input type="checkbox"/>
Frozen clams	<input type="checkbox"/>
Fresh scallops	<input type="checkbox"/>
Frozen scallops	<input type="checkbox"/>

- **Product found in containers not meeting these labeling requirements may be deemed misbranded and subject to embargo and disposal.**